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SUBJECT: EC TARIFF WITHDRAWALS

1. EC COMMISSION DELEGATION SENT GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL
LONG A LETTER JULY 18 TRANSMITTING A 203-PAGE COMPLETE
REVISION OF THE DETAILED EC OFFER ON INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS.
(COPY BEING SENT TO KELLY BY NEXT TRAVELER.)

2. THE LETTER (TRANSLATION OF TEXT SENT SEPTTEL): (A)
NOTES THAT A LIST OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS WAS SENT TO
LONG FOR CIRCULATION APRIL 27; TAKING ACCOUNT OF BALANCE-
OF-OFFERS ACHIEVED BY EC THUSFAR, THAT LIST IS NOW AN
INTEGRAL PART OF EC'S OFFER; CERTAIN ADDITIONAL MODIFICA-
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TIONS ARE ALSO MADE TO THE EC OFFER; (B) STATES THAT
THIS REVISED OFFER IS SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO
PROVIDE SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO LDC'S
(COMMENT: BOTH DEEPER-THAN-FORMULA CUTS AS WELL AS WITH-
DRAWALS TO MAINTAIN PREFERENTIAL MARGINS); (C) HOPES
OTHERS WILL OFFER IMPROVEMENTS; IN LIGHT OF SUCH
IMPROVEMENTS THE EC DOES NOT EXCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF ITS

OWN IMPROVEMENTS; (D) CALLS ATTENTION TO EC TWO-TRANCHE POSITION ON STAGING, MODIFIED TO INCLUDE RECENT EC COUNCIL ADDITION OF MONETARY FACTORS AS AN ELEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE REVISED OFFER INDICATES THAT IT CONTAINS THE EC POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS CIRCULATED APRIL 27; SOME ITEMS FROM THE EC "CONDITIONAL" WITHDRAWAL LIST DESIGNED PRINCIPALLY TO HIT JAPAN (OUR ANALYSIS OF THESE ITEMS WAS PROVIDED TO TPSC MEMBERS IN GENEVA IN MEMO DATED JULY 13); REVISIONS IN OFFERS ON SOME COPPER AND PLASTICS ITEMS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN GENEVA 10554; AND WITHDRAWALS OF A FEW MINOR ITEMS PRINCIPALLY SUPPLIED BY MTN NONPARTICIPANTS.

4. COMMENT: THIS LATEST ACTION BY EC SHOULD BE VIEWED AS MORE EC POSTURING; IT HAS NO MORE SIGNIFICANCE THAN EARLIER EC WITHDRAWAL LISTS AND SHOULD ONLY BE VIEWED AS EC INITIAL EXCEPTIONS COMING SIX MONTHS AFTER OTHER KEY COUNTRIES INDICATED THEIR EXCEPTIONS. EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL DENMAN TOLD AMBASSADOR MCDONALD LAST WEEK IN PRESENCE OF SENIOR NEGOTIATORS OF MANY OTHER COUNTRIES THAT ALL ITEMS ON THESE EC WITHDRAWAL LISTS ARE NEGOTIABLE. MCDONALD

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